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1. AIESEC International

Special, 2007

Introduction

AIESEC is the world's largest youth-led organization operating in over 126 countries and territories. Currently it counts over 70,000 members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AIESEC was founded at the end of World War II with the vision of achieving peace and fulfilment of humankind's potential through responsible and entrepreneurial young leaders. The organization develops talented and proactive youth into globally-minded and responsible leaders by offering them the opportunity to participate in global internships, social impact projects, and entrepreneurial internships and projects. It partners with over 2,600 universities and 8,000 organizations across the globe to achieve its goal.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, AIESEC has contributed to numerous United Nations campaigns, including MyWorld survey, #YouthNow campaign, and Live Below the Line. In September 2014 it launched the biggest yet YouthSpeak survey, which gathered opinions of over 42,000 millennials on the topic of transition between education and employment. Through its professional and volunteer internship programmes, the organization mobilised young people to raise awareness about and tackle numerous global issues, many of which are connected to the MDGs. For example, in 2014, 459 Canadian volunteers went to Asia and South America to teach English. AIESEC counts 25 organizations working to promote entrepreneurship and start-up culture in Serbia. AIESEC's Middle Eastern and North African chapters are creating projects to increase youth's work skills. In Rwanda, it worked on financial education and inclusion by promoting the culture of savings among children and youth.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Some of the events attended by AIESEC during the reporting period include the following:

- First Global Forum on Youth Policies, Baku, Azerbaijan, 2014;
- The Asker Conference on Youth and Governance Global Citizen Festival, Norway, 18 December 2014;
- Youth 21: Building for Change!, Nairobi, Kenya, 15-18 March 2012;
- Social Good Summit, New York, 21-22 September 2014; and
- Various side events during the 69th General Assembly, New York, 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AIESEC cooperates at a national, regional, and global level with the United Nations Youth Envoy's Office, United Nations Millennium Campaign, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), among others.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AIESEC works towards the MDGs through its volunteer and professional internship programmes. Its programmes address all the MDGs. Of approximately 100,000 volunteer experiences delivered by AIESEC during the reporting period, 34.26% of them were dedicated to literacy; 21.26% to cultural understanding; 11.76% to economic growth; 7.76% to health and lifestyle; 7.58% to career development; 6.51% to human rights; and 5.1% to the environment.

2. Akina Mama Wa Afrika

Special, 1999

Introduction

Founded in 1985, Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMwA) is an International Pan African NGO.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AMwA creates space for African women to organize autonomously; network with each other; share skills and expertise; identify issues of concern; and speak for themselves. AMwA's activities are based on three pillars: feminist leadership development; feminist research and documentation; and advocacy and policy influence.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its Feminist Leadership Development programme, the African Women's Leadership Institute (AWLI), AMwA strengthened African women's leadership capacities on various thematic areas that included long term forced migration, women in politics, decision making, and economic justice. The leadership institutes supported approximately 120 African women from East, West and Southern Africa. A documentary featuring AMwA's contribution to strengthening African women's voices was produced and disseminated, serving as an advocacy tool for validating women's rights and empowerment. Working with partners, AMwA championed causes of African women at different platforms advocating for policy and/or reforms and implementation of laws.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AMwA supported the African Women's Caucus during the 57th and 58th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, in 2013 and 2014. It also contributed to written and position statements.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Together with partners, AMwA spoke for African women during the Post-2015 discussions by engaging in strategic forums, including the 6th and 8th Open Working Group meetings, Women's Major Group advocacy platforms, and African Women's Regional Civil Society Organizations (CSO) Consultations on the Post-2015 Agenda in Monrovia, Liberia, that resulted in an African Women's communiqué detailing African women's key points for inclusion in the Agenda.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

3. All-Russian Society of the Deaf/All-Russian Public Organization of Persons with Disabilities

Special, 2007

Introduction

All-Russian Society of the Deaf All-Russian Public Organization of Persons with Disabilities was founded in 1926 in the Russian Federation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main objective of the organization is to express and protect the rights and interests of Russian citizens with hearing impairments and promote their social rehabilitation and integration into society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization provides assistance and support to approximately 230,000 people with hearing impairments throughout 89 regions of Russia. In 2011, it participated in the work of the 18th General Assembly of the World Federation of the Deaf and the 16th World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf in Durban, South Africa. In 2014, the organization participated in the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and the 2nd International Conference "Linguistic Rights of the Deaf", held in Moscow, Russia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization made a presentation during the 19th regular Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC), Geneva, Switzerland, 1 March 2012. It took part in

an interactive debate on work and employment of persons with disabilities in the framework of the 22nd Session of the HRC, Geneva, Switzerland, 6 March 2013. It also participated in the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on disability and development, 6 March 2013, and the Seventh Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 10 12 June 2014, both held in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization participated in various activities and seminars held at the Information Center of the United Nations in Moscow, Russia.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

4. American Correctional Association

Special, 1999

Introduction

Founded in 1870, the American Correctional Association (ACA) is the oldest and largest professional correctional organization in the world. ACA represents all disciplines within the corrections profession, and its more than 19,000 members include practitioners working in juvenile and adult prisons and jails, halfway houses, treatment facilities, probation, parole and community corrections agencies, as well as academics in the field and other concerned citizens.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACA promotes excellence in corrections by offering professional development and certification, online training, standards and accreditation, and research and publications.

Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, ACA has significantly expanded its scope throughout the world. In particular, it has worked to improve the conditions of correctional facilities in the Middle East and Mexico.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In August 2012, ACA and its members reaffirmed a resolution "In Support of the United Nations Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Offenders", wherein they resolved to recognize and appreciate the contributions of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules to the universal development of more humane and effective correctional systems and the ongoing development of ACA standards.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ACA reaffirmed a resolution in support of the Mandela Rules during the reporting period.

5. Ankara Foundation of Children with Leukemia

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Foundation for Children with Leukemia (LOSEV) is a non-governmental, not-for-profit public benefit organization based in Ankara, Turkey, that serves at the national level. Every year approximately 1,500 children are newly diagnosed with childhood leukaemia in Turkey.

Aims and purposes of the organization

LOSEV aims to provide educational and emotional support, financial assistance, and health services for children with leukaemia or chronic blood disorders. Other goals are to promote knowledge and provide instruction on an international level regarding acquired and inherited blood diseases, as well as to establish and operate research institutions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization believes in the importance of sharing experience and ideas while it strives to create solutions against the increase of cancer incidences nationally and worldwide. During the reporting period, the organization conducted visits to organizations in nearby countries working on the same cause, to share experiences and knowledge. Moreover, LOSEV established a platform, Social Platform against Cancer (SPAC), which allows all institutions, foundations, hospitals, doctors, and patients dealing with cancer to share their experiences, events, and medical and social news.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

LOSEV is in contact with the United Nations International Children's Fund's (UNICEF) Office and United Nations representatives in Turkey, as well as the World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

LOSEV has been supporting cancer patients who are economically deprived by assisting them financially, contributing to MDG 1. It also provided aid packages containing food, clothing, hygienic material, as well as medicine and household products. Moreover, LOSEV worked towards global partnership through its visits to former Soviet nations' organizations working on the same cause.

6. Association of Third World Studies

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) was founded in 1983 in the United States of America. It is the largest professional organization of its kind in the world with global membership and chapters in South Asia and Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization was founded to provide an international structure for the humane and scientific study of issues and problems faced by people living in the Third World, with the ultimate goal of improving their quality of life.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ATWS participated in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, major conferences, and other United Nations meetings, such as meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), all Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), as well as several meetings of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Many members of ATWS engaged in academic research that is relevant to one or more of the MDGs. This research was disseminated through conferences, publications in the Journal of Third World Studies, or through the members' work. Some of the research conducted and presented by members of the Association during the reporting period include, among others:

- "Technological education for women as a tool of upward social mobility, with a particular reference to the Middle East", by Taysir Nashif;
- "Towards the sustenance of democracy in Nigeria", by Ojefia Akpomedaye Innocent;
- "Vietnam's globalization effort generated growth with poverty that requires a national poverty reduction program", by Robert L. Curry, Jr. and Tran Thi Ut; and
- "Lifestyle and disease and economic development: The case of Nauru and Kiribati", by Philip I. Szmedra and K.L. Sharma.

7. Center for International Health and Cooperation

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Center for International Health and Cooperation (CIHC), founded in 1992, promotes healing and peace in countries shattered by natural disaster, armed conflicts, and other violence.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Through intensive, holistic, and multidisciplinary training courses, CIHC aims to advance the methods and framework by which humanitarian professionals operate. CIHC also contributes to and advances discussions about current humanitarian issues through its partnerships with humanitarian and development organizations, wide range of publications, and regularly updated communication platforms.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CIHC provides mission-critical education, training, and research to humanitarian aid professionals including those drawn from United Nations agencies including United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), among others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CIHC has attended meetings organized in preparation of the 2016 World Humanitarian Summit (WHS), crisis briefings organized by United Nations agencies, and various meetings with United Nations agencies staff.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CIHC worked closely with various United Nations agencies to organize trainings and publish books related to humanitarian affairs. Hundreds of CIHC

alumni are currently working in United Nations entities and agencies as well as NGOs that collaborate with the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As one of the leaders in the field of humanitarian training, CIHC contributes to the development of better practices in the humanitarian sector, many aspects of which directly relate to the MDGs. CIHC provides education about the MDGs as well as the post-2015 strategies.

8. Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Civil Resource Development and Documentation Centre (CIRDDOC) Nigeria is an independent, non-governmental and not-for-profit organization established in 1996.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's works to promote and protect human rights and women's rights, gender equality, and good governance in Nigeria through the empowerment of civil society and the promotion of access to justice and rule of law.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CIRDDOC, in collaboration with Affirmative Action Initiative for Women, and with support from Voices for Change, has been working on the domestication of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) through the Gender and Equal Opportunities Bill. In collaboration with Child Protection Network and United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF), it is advocating for the passage of the Child's Rights bill to domesticate the United Nations Children's Convention in Enugu State. The Violence against the Persons Prohibition (VAPP) bill was passed into law after 13 years of advocacy efforts. CIRDDOC also implemented a project from the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) titled "Women's Property and Inheritance Rights in the Context of HIV/AIDS".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CIRDDOC has participated in the sessions of CEDAW since 2012 and in all sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) during the reporting period. CIRDDOC was also represented at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)/UNICEF International Conference on Female Genital Mutilation in Rome, Italy, 22-25 October 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CIRDDOC has collaborated with UNFPA, UN Women, and UNICEF to implement several projects, as elaborated above. In 2014, CIRDDOC, with support from UNFPA, organized a High-level Forum on "Promoting Girl Child Education and Abandonment of Female Genital Mutation towards Increased Access to Reproductive Health and Rights". With support from UNFPA and UNICEF, the organization constituted Technical Working Committees on Female Genital Mutilation and Cutting in two states.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Apart from observing the International Women's Day annually, CIRDDOC also partnered with Christian Aid and UK Aid on a project titled "Increasing Participation and Representation of Women in Decision Making Structures". CIRDDOC is also working with Ipas on Reproductive Health.

9. Council of American Overseas Research Centers

Special, 1999

Introduction

Founded in 1981, the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) is a private non-profit federation of independent overseas research centers that promotes advanced research, particularly in the humanities and social sciences, with a focus on the conservation and recording of cultural heritage and the understanding and interpretation of modern societies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CAORC fosters research projects across national boundaries, encourages collaborative research and programmatic and administrative coherence among member centers, and works to expand their resource base and service capacity. CAORC member centers maintain a permanent presence in the host countries where they operate — in Europe, Latin America, the Near and Middle East, South and Southeast Asia, and West Africa. The centers are the primary vehicle through which American scholars carry out research vital to the understanding of and intersection with other cultures.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CAORC works primarily with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) on issues pertaining to the exploration, documentation, and preservation of cultural heritage resources around the world.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborates with UNESCO and ICOMOS as mentioned above.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

10. Foundation for Ecological Security

Special, 2007

Introduction

Foundation for Ecological Security (FES) works towards the conservation of nature and natural resources through the collective action of local communities. Presently FES' work spreads across six eco-regions of India, reaching 3.98 million people in 30 districts, across eight states.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Working from a systems perspective, FES' efforts are aimed at three fundamental dimensions of rural life: ecological restoration, local governance, and livelihoods.

Significant changes in the organization

FES' scale of operations increased significantly. From 1 million people in 2011, the organization reached out to almost 4 million in 2014. FES initiated activities and set up project teams in the states of Maharashtra and the North Eastern Region, India.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FES contributed to "Conservation Across Landscapes: India's Approaches to Biodiversity Governance", a publication by the Indian Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). FES was one of the lead contributors to the joint MoEF/UNDP publication of a mapping directory on the Community Conserved Areas of Odisha and Madhya Pradesh. Under the Indian Biodiversity Information System, FES launched portals on birds, mammals and flora to provide resource rich, state-of-the-art, species information.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FES participated in an expert group meeting organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on Indicators for collective tenure rights/Community land and resource rights in Gland, Switzerland, 3-5 December 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FES continued to collaborate with UNDP's Global Environment Fund (GEF) Small Grants Programme on Strengthening Conservation and Livelihoods in and around the Kumbhalgarh Wildlife Sanctuary in Southern Aravalis, Rajasthan, as well as on The Commons Campaign in Rajasthan. The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) commissioned a film on FES, which was released at the 11th Conference of the Parties to UNCCD awards ceremony, held in Namibia, September 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As a member of the International Land Coalition, FES played a key role in influencing the inclusion of 'Community land' as a distinct indicator from a general reference to land indicators in the Zero Draft of the Post-2015 Agenda on Community Land Rights.

Additional Information

FES received the "Land for Life Award" by UNCCD in 2013 for its sustainable land management, empowering communities to take ownership of their local land, mobilising communities at a large scale, and influencing policy.

11. Freedom House

Special, 1995

Introduction

Freedom House was founded in 1941 in New York City, United States of America. It is an independent watchdog organization dedicated to the expansion of freedom and democracy around the world. It counts offices in a dozen countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Freedom House acts as a catalyst for greater political rights and civil liberties through a combination of analysis, advocacy, and action. Its research and analysis frame the policy debate in the United States and abroad on the progress and decline of freedom. It vigorously opposes dictators and oppression and amplifies the voices of those struggling for freedom in repressive societies. It also works to empower frontline human rights defenders and civic activists to uphold fundamental rights and to advance democratic change.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Freedom House's annual research and publications provide country-specific information on fundamental human rights, which are used around the world by journalists, academics, policymakers, NGOs, and representatives of governments and multi-lateral organizations, including the United Nations. Its publications

include Freedom of the World, an annual survey on the state of political rights and civil liberties in every country in the world; Freedom of the Press, a global survey of media independence that covers trends in media freedom; and Freedom on the Net, a comprehensive, comparative, and numerically based index for analysing internet freedom.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Freedom House assisted civil society delegations to attend several regular and Universal Periodic Review (UPR) sessions of the Human Rights Council (HRC) in Geneva, Switzerland, during the reporting period. In 2014, Freedom House supported participation of civil society delegations from several African countries in UPR sessions and/or sessions focused on their respective countries. In 2014, it assisted representatives to attend the 26th regular Session of the HRC and conducted a side panel event on the topic of human rights in Ukraine. Freedom House supported representatives from Ukraine to attend the 22nd, 24th and 27th regular session of the HRC.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Freedom House conducted several meetings with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights' (OHCHR) in Geneva, New York City and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, to discuss the situation in Ethiopia, Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Swaziland. The United Nations Office of the Secretary General met with Freedom House to discuss the situation in Sudan. In 2013 and 2014 Freedom House briefed a number of Special Rapporteurs on countries including Ethiopia, Uganda, and Kenya. Freedom House's work also included briefings for the Department of Political Affairs (DPA) staff on the situation in Ethiopia, Eritrea, Sudan, and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Freedom House's programmatic work supported an enabling environment for civil society. It has worked closely with many women's human rights organization globally, in support of MDG 3. In 2014, Freedom House supported women human rights defenders to attend the 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York.

12. Fundación Salvadoreña para el Desarrollo Económico y Social

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Salvadoran Foundation for Economic and Social Development (FUSADES) is a private non-profit organization founded in 1983 by a group of independent entrepreneurs and professionals to improve El Salvador's economic and social development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization carries out activities aimed at increasing economic, social, intellectual, and physical well-being of El Salvador's population, as well as its security, under the framework of a system of economic and individual freedom. It conducts research, studies, and analyses to generate public policy recommendations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FUSADES organized three forums for policy analysis to raise the level of political debate in El Salvador and Central America and strengthen representative democracy. It published several reports, including the following: "Mechanisms to strengthen representative democracy" (2011); "Political aspects of modernization of the Supreme Electoral Tribunal" (2012); and "Residential Vote: Progress and Challenges" (2014). FUSADES continued to promote transparency by monitoring the right of access to public information and the operation of public institutions in charge of managing public funds. Also, it conducted public audits of democratic institutions; monitored the operation of the judiciary and appointment and independence of judges; and analysed the constitutionality of laws.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization signed a cooperation agreement with the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) to build a strategy to help overcome the lack of information on children and adolescents and to pay particular attention to deprivations, exclusions, inequities, and vulnerabilities that affect them. As a member of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Technical Committee of Multidimensional Poverty, FUSADES participated in forums on food security with the World Food Programme (WFP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization undertook actions locally to improve lives of communities and help eradicate poverty, including projects that increase income levels, crop quality, and yields of small farmers. Participants' incomes exceeded the extreme poverty line and established profitable and sustainable economic units for their families. FUSADES also supported young micro entrepreneurs in the food processing sector through trainings. Finally, it participated in consultation forums on the MDGs and the post-2015 development agenda.

13. Geneva International Model United Nations

Special consultative status: 2007

Introduction

Geneva International Model United Nations (GIMUN) is an NGO run entirely by students and created in 1999.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goals of the organization are to promote United Nations values within the student community and to provide practical experience to supplement students' theoretical training.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

GIMUN helps to make the work of the United Nations better known within the student community, not only by organizing events dealing with major international issues that the United Nations deals with, but also by annually organizing a "Model United Nations": a simulation of the United Nations that provides a convenient and rewarding experience to students wishing to train in multilateral diplomacy. The simulation brings together more than 250 students from different backgrounds at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. In addition, GIMUN organized a study trip to Greece in 2014 to discuss the theme of migration to Europe. Also in 2014, GIMUN gave 25 students the opportunity to visit many international organizations having their headquarters in Geneva. Finally, GIMUN attempts to actively develop partnerships with student associations at other Swiss and foreign universities in order to make the broadest possible audience aware of the importance of the work done by the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

GIMUN offers students interested in monitoring the daily life of the United Nations the chance to attend many conferences and meetings organized by the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. The students then write an article on the issue dealt with at the conference, which is published online on the blog "UNO, You Know?"

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Under its "Youth Perspectives" project, GIMUN has submitted a written recommendation to the Commission on Science and Technology. The purpose of the recommendation was to present the views of young people from over 20 different countries on strategic approaches for the post-2015 Agenda as well as digital development.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GIMUN has not conducted any field initiatives relating to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. It has, however, helped raise young people's awareness of all matters relating to development and initiated discussions on the post-2015 Agenda within the student community.

14. Gibh Varta Manch

Special, 2011

Introduction

Gibh Varta Manch is a registered social organization working since 1993 on various sectors of society, particularly on children and woman's welfare.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to help and support society as a whole, so it can realise its dreams.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Gish Varta Manch has conducted free medical camps and educational seminars, ladies' empowerment programmes, seminars, social and national integrity programmes and aid programmes for blind students, among others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization focuses particularly on health and gender equality. It works whole-heartedly to prevent child marriages.

15. Global Action on Aging

Special, 2003

Introduction

Global Action on Aging (GAA), founded in 1994, is based in New York City, United States of America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

GAA reports on older people's needs and potential within the global economy and advocates with and for older people worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

GAA moved its headquarters office in 2012.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization played a leading role in the work of NGOs on aging issues at United Nations headquarters throughout the reporting period. GAA led the NGO Committee on Aging, which involved carrying out research with funding from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and disseminating information on the organization's website about initiatives worldwide on the issue of aging. The organization sponsored receptions, round tables, side events, and other activities at the United Nations during the reporting period.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During every year of the reporting period, Global Action on Aging participated actively in the Commission on Social Development (CSocD), the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the International Day of Older Persons and the Open-Ended Working Group of the General Assembly on the Human Rights of Older Persons that met on April and August 2011 and August 2012. GAA spoke on many occasions in these fora as well as during side events, receptions, and other occasions connected with these meetings. GAA took part in an Expert Group Meeting organized by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR) in May 2012. The organization also contributed to informing international NGOs about United Nations meetings through its website and list-serv.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Global Action on Aging worked cooperatively with the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, CSocD, CSW, UNHCHR, UNFPA and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs' (DESA) Focal Point on Aging, to promote understanding between delegations and civil society on aging issues. This work included the promotion of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Aging, the promotion of human rights for older persons, the promotion of the rights of older women, work on international data disaggregation, and efforts to move towards a broader approach in the context of the MDGs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

GAA worked in particular to support the advancement of MDGs 1, 2, 3 and 4 — each of which has special significance for older persons and their well-being. GAA conducted research on poverty, gender issues, health care, and social integration in terms of promoting and advancing the rights and conditions of life of the elderly.